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Testimony Before Congress Lauds DOD Cost Reduction

Congress has been told the DOD Cost Reduction program is the most comprehensive and systematic program of its type ever attempted by government or business.

Testifying before a House Armed Services Sub-Committee Assistant Defense Secretary (Installations and Logistics) Paul R. Ignatius pointed out that about 40 percent of all cost reduction actions submitted are rejected or eliminated at some level of review.

He cited as one example rejection when more output was achieved but no monetary savings were made. These are never included in summary results, he stressed.

Also testifying before the Sub-Committee, Assistant Defense Secretary (Comptroller) Robert N. Anthony mentioned that Cost Reduction in government might be considered a substitute for the profit motive.

"This does not mean that Government managers deliberately waste money," Mr. Anthony said. "What it does mean is that they are not under the same built-in pressures . . . their jobs do not depend upon maintaining a satisfactory margin between costs and selling prices."

Both officials hailed the Cost Reduction program as a fundamental requirement today for all agencies of government.

Spanish Fisherman Honored For Nuclear Bomb Recovery

A special award from the U.S. government has been presented to Francisco Simo y Orts, the Spanish fisherman who cooperated and assisted in locating a nuclear weapon off the coast of Spain.

The award included a medal engraved with the likeness of President Johnson and a scroll signed by Ambassador Angier Biddle Duke.

The scroll read in part: "In testimony of admiration of the exceptional gifts and profound knowledge of the sea of Francisco Simo Orts that led to the location of the nuclear bomb fallen into the sea off Palomares and as a symbol of my country's gratefulness . . . signed Angier Biddle Duke."

VISITS FLEET—Secretary of the Navy Paul H. Nitze passes between sideboys on the Seventh Fleet flagship, USS Oklahoma City, during his visit to fleet units operating off Vietnam.

Navy Launches Shipyard Modernization Study

A six-month study of Philadelphia and Long Beach Naval Shipyards will be undertaken to best determine how Navy can begin a long-range modernization of all such facilities.

Initial study is part of 16-month assessment and analysis to recommend best methods of "optimizing" all shipyard services. Objective is to increase present support and to perform future support efficiently at lowest possible cost.

MSTS Suspends Transport Of Dependents to Europe

Transportation of dependents aboard ships of the Military Sea Transportation Service will be terminated by the end of August. Five MSTS transports assigned to trans-Atlantic sailings will be reassigned to the Pacific, augmenting eleven transports in that area.

Dependents authorized travel will continue to be transported to Europe and the Pacific by air, and by commercial vessels.

Washington Memos

PAY RAISE BILLS effective July 1 for both military and civilians add nearly half billion dollars more to FY 67 budget, President Johnson noted in signing measures into law. Citing need to restrain inflationary pressures, Mr. Johnson said: "I intend to exercise all of my powers to hold spending to a level consistent with fiscal responsibility. For one thing I will actively continue to search for every economy possible in every Federal program."

DOD CASUALTY FIGURES show 4,304 U.S. service personnel lost their lives through hostile actions in Vietnam from Jan. 1, 1961 through July 16, 1966. An additional 23,779 have been wounded. Nonhostile actions claimed lives of 912.

VIETNAM-BOUND FARM Advisors were told by President Johnson our goal is to station at least one American agricultural advisor in Vietnam provinces as areas are made secure. He described an advisor's role as a "second-front war on hunger, poverty, illness, illiteracy and injustice."

NEWEST X-15 PILOT is 46 year old Air Force Maj. Michael J. Adams, who came from NASA-Air Force Manned Orbiting Laboratory (MOL) program. 12th man to fly X-15, Adams replaces X-15 pilot Capt. Joe H. Engle, who has become an astronaut.

GUIDED MISSILE ESCORT SHIP USS Julius A. Furer (DEG-6) was launched July 22 at Bath, Me. USS JULIUS A. FURER is designed for anti-submarine warfare operations. Will carry conventional gunnery system, TARTAR surface-to-air guided missiles, anti-submarine rockets (ASROC), and torpedoes. Will also be equipped to handle drone anti-submarine helicopter.

MALE NURSE LEGISLATION before Congress would authorize regular Army and Air Force Commissions to this personnel category heretofore restricted to reserve commissions. Bill (HR 420) being heard by a House Armed Services Sub-Committee also would authorize male nurses to serve as Chief or Asst. Chief of Nurses.

VIETNAMESE PRIME MINISTER Nguyen Cao Ky took part in ceremonies dedicating road constructed by men of Seabee Team 1007 in Tay Ninh province, in Mekong Delta.

DININGS-IN ARE URGED by Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. McConnell to celebrate Air Force's 19th anniversary Sept. 18. Commanders also urged to honor military and civilian personnel in their 19th year of service to point up the Air Force birthday. Top Air Force Pentagon officials are encouraged to accept Dining-In speaking invitations at NCO and Officers open messes.

GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONIES at NAAS Whiting Field, Milton, Fla., signalled start of $5 million construction and improvement program. Construction includes aircraft maintenance hangar, BOQ and mess, and three enlisted barracks. New plans mark first major construction at Whiting since 1944 and are part of $28 million package approved by Congress for improvement of facilities throughout Naval Air Basic Training Command.

FREE PHONE-CALLS HOME for Vietnam wounded arriving at U.S. Aeromedical ports is a much-used Red Cross Service. More than 1,300 calls were made in 1965, and Red Cross said patients "greatly appreciated" it.

NEW ARMY RANK abbreviations, in change 3 to AR 320-50, represent a swing to all-capitals and to a maximum of three letters. Old abbreviation Lt. Gen. is now LTG. Similarly 1st. Lt. is 1LT. Sergeants will find they have lost their terminal "t." MSgt. becomes MSG and SSgt. uses SSG as the short form.

NEWEST FIGHTING MACHINE of Army has rolled off production lines in Cleveland. M-551, better known as General Sheridan reconnaissance vehicle or light tank, can reach 45 mph speed. It mounts 152 mm launcher firing conventional rounds and guided missiles.

AIR FORCE OTS Class 66-H that graduated 511 strong June 30 has 108 of the new 2nd. Lts. earmarked for pilot or navigator training. Another 79 are headed for missiles, with 59 others going to Communications-Electronics and 55 to Aircraft Maintenance.

ADDITION OF A-7A Corsair II to Navy and Marine Corps aircraft lineup moved a step closer with announcement that contractor's test pilots have been conducting armament and carrier suitability tests at NAS Patuxent River, Md. Corsair II, designed to deliver heavy bombloads over long distances, is scheduled to go aboard Navy carrier this year for sea trials, flown by Navy pilots. Test planes have flown at gross weights totalling more than double empty weight, demonstrating tremendous payload capability.

NAVY PACIFIC MISSILE RANGE at Point Mugu, Calif., workload reached all time high of 13,155 operations in FY 66. This exceeded total operations in FY 64, which was last complete year PMR operated the range prior to dismemberment as a result of transfer of ICBM and space launch functions to other national ranges.

EIGHT EXCEPTIONAL EMPLOYEES of Air Force Systems Command have been selected to attend colleges or universities during FY 67 under top-level executive management development program. Since 1960, Systems Command has sent 28 key civilians to school for similar training. All are still with the command or DOD.

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National Defense Service Medal Eligibility Defined

The National Defense Service Medal (NDSM) may now be worn by active duty uniformed personnel entering service after Dec. 31, 1960.

Eligibility requirements are "honorable active service as a member of the Armed Forces for any period after June 26, 1950, and before July 28, 1954, or after Dec. 31, 1960, and before a terminal date to be announced."

Members of guard or reserve forces who become eligible for the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal or Vietnam Service Medal after Dec. 31, 1960, are considered performing active duty for purposes of eligibility.

Those receiving the medal for the Korean Conflict period may now affix a star or cluster to the service ribbon. Army's second award recipients are authorized oak leaf clusters. Navy and Marine Corps personnel are authorized gold stars. Air Force's second award is a bronze star.

Coast Guard personnel may earn the medal when operating as a service in the Navy.

NDSM is not authorized for guard and reserve personnel on short tours of active duty to fulfill training obligations under an inactive duty training program, or for those on temporary active duty to serve on boards, courts, commissions, etc.

Persons on active duty for sole purpose of undergoing physical examination or purposes other than extended active duty are also ineligible.

Army Orders New Colors For Name Tapes, Insignia

An Army-wide change to the combat uniform "name tape" and "U. S. Army" distinguishing insignia has been authorized, because a more subdued version is less discernable to enemy forces.

Insignia will be changed to black lettering on olive green background. Current name tapes are black lettered, white strips worn over the uniform's right chest pocket. U. S. Army insignia is gold lettered on black background worn over the left pocket.

Old items will not be worn after Dec. 31, 1967. Affected uniforms are fatigues, tropical fatigues, OG-108s, and field jackets.

Officials in RVN were previously authorized to make such changes in the combat uniform. This represents one change that has now been adopted world wide.

FAREWELL VISIT—Gen. John K. Waters, Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Army Pacific, inspects the United Nations Command Honor Guard during a farewell visit to Knight Field, Seoul, Korea. Accompanying him are Gen. Dwight E. Beach (center, rear), Commanding General, 8th U.S. Army, and Capt. Homer Gay, Commanding Officer of the honor guard. Gen. Waters is scheduled to retire Aug. 31.

ANZUS Council Convinced Aggression in RVN 'Blunted'

The "ANZUS" countries—Australia, New Zealand and the United States—wound up their July meeting at Canberra, Australia, with the conviction that "the aggression against South Vietnam has in fact been blunted."

In a final communique, the "ANZUS" Council said "approximately one million Vietnamese and allied fighting men in South Vietnam in support of the Republic of Vietnam assures that the North Vietnamese Communist regime will not succeed in imposing its dictatorship on the people of South Vietnam."

The "ANZUS" partners also "recognized the military necessity for the recent bombing of fuel installations in the Hanoi-Haiphong area which play an important role in sustaining the aggression against the Republic of Vietnam."

Other communique highlights were:

- "The most dangerous current threat to their (ANZUS) security and to world peace and order arises from Communist aggression and attempts at subversion in Southeast Asia.
- "The spearhead of this threat is the continuing aggression by armed attacks on the Republic of South Vietnam by Communist North Vietnam.
- "The free nations must not and will not fail to deal effectively with Communist threats in Southeast Asia."

Faster Evacuation Set For Wounded in Vietnam

Vietnam wounded will soon get faster aeromedical evacuation by jets over polar routes.

Beginning Aug. 1, three Air Force C-141 Starlifters will leave Tan Son Nhut AB at Saigon weekly for Andrews AFB, Md. More will be added as needed.

The jets will cut one to three days off movement of patients to East coast hospitals.

West coast-bound patients will transfer at Yokota, Japan, for Starlifters bound for Travis AFB, Calif.

Centralized Food Service Management Set Up

A centralized organization dealing with military food service and management problems at the policy level has been established in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Installations and Logistics).

Directorate for Food Service Management Systems is headed by Capt. James A. Warren, USN, and is staffed with senior officers from each service plus a civilian specialist in feeding and systems management.

The directorate will serve as focal point on all matters pertaining to military feeding. Primary mission is to formulate uniform food rationing and food service policies for all services.

AF F-111A Hits Mach 2.5

A U.S. Air Force F-111A fighter-bomber flew for the first time at Mach 2.5, equivalent to 1,665 miles per hour or 2½ times the speed of sound, at Fort Worth, Tex.

The test crew set the wings in a swept-back position for the high-speed run. The F-111 can vary the sweep angle of its wings from 16 to 72.5 degrees.

Fourteen flight-test F-111s, including 11 Air Force versions and three Navy versions, have amassed more than 1,200 flight hours.

BACK TO COCKPIT—After months of "flying a desk" as director of Air Force combat operations over NVN, Col. Edmund B. Edwards, USAF, gets ready for a familiarization flight in F-100 Supersabre jet fighter. He has been newly assigned as Commander, 20th Tactical Fighter Wing in England. Col. Edwards planned and directed Air Force strikes against petroleum, oil and lubricant storage areas near Hanoi June 29.

Service Educators Attend Navy Management Course

Forty-eight faculty and staff members from the major educational institutions of the Armed Forces attended the Navy Management Systems Center's course in Defense Management Systems in Monterey, Calif.

In addition to the service academies and war colleges, the Air Force Institute of Technology, the Army Command and General Staff College, the Naval Postgraduate School, and other key training commands were represented in the class.

The four-week session ended last week with a symposium that included the addition of the superintendents and commanders of these naval and military schools to the group.

Army, AF Exchange Svc. Gets New Chief, Deputy

Brig. Gen. Joseph Schuyler Hardin, USA, will become chief of the Army and Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES) Aug. 1 after serving as deputy chief for more than two years.

Col. James O. Lindberg, USAF, will become deputy chief of AAFES Aug. 15. For the past three years he has served as Director, Materiel Management Directorate, Headquarters, Sacramento Air Materiel Area, McClellan AFB, Calif.

Headquarters for the worldwide exchange service are located in New York City.

President Extends Tour Of Army Surgeon Gen.

President Johnson has extended the tour of Army Surgeon General Lt. Gen. Leonard D. Heaton to Dec. 1, 1968.

This is third extension for Gen. Heaton since receiving appointment from President Eisenhower in 1959.

The surgeon general's initial extension marked first time in more than 30 years that an Army Surgeon General had been extended beyond the usual four year period.

Computer-Assisted Education Under Naval Academy Study

A summer study of computer-assisted education is underway by 15 Naval Academy faculty members to bring computer technology directly into the academy's classrooms.

Project is intended to establish guide lines and techniques for classroom application of computers to keep abreast of rapid expansion of research in essentially all areas of science and management.

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